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**Serial No.** : 10/668,387  
**Filed on** : SEPTEMBER 23, 2003  
**Title** : CHEMICAL ACTIVATION AND REFINING OF SOUTHERN PINE KRAFT FIBERS  
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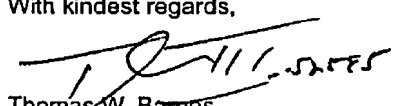
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Filing Date	SEPTEMBER 23, 2003
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 500.00		First Named Inventor	TAN, et al.
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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